

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Present Application:**

Applicant : Mark A. Moehring  
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Title : DOPPLER ULTRASOUND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
MONITORING BLOOD FLOW

**Prior Application:**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field" as follows:

**-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a continuation of pending United States Patent Application No. 09/595,323, filed June 16, 2000, which is a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 09/190,402, filed November 11, 1998, issued March 6, 2001 as Patent No. 6,196,972. --